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## Items of Interest

**City Wide Garage Sale** - April 30.

**City Wide Clean Up** - May 2 - 6.

**Green Thumb Gala** - May 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Library. Bid on your favorite plant in a decorated flower pot. Door prizes and refreshments. Sign up to win a Mother's Day gift!

**Sturgis Volksmarch** - May 21 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

**Open House at Sturgis Liquor** - May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

**City offices will be closed** on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Trash normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

**Bear Butte Cemetery** - In honor of Memorial Day, arrangements may be displayed at the cemetery between May 27 and June 13.



## Announcements and Meetings

**Sturgis City Council:** Monday, May 2 and 16 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Erskine Building, 1300 Sherman Street.

**Forestry:** May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.

**Park Board:** May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** May 10 and 31 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Meeting Room B.

**MUB Board:** May 11 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Meeting Room A.

**Sturgis Arts Council:** May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Meeting Room A.

**Library Board:** May 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

## Officials

### Mayor

Maury LaRue 347-4422

### Council Members

Ward One:

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

Mark Carstensen 561-0283

David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 720-0171

Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Bernadette Usera 720-9424

## 2011 Election Results

Sturgis municipal elections were held on April 12, 2011. The official results are as follows:

### Mayor's Race

Mark Carstensen 559  
Janeen Norstegaard 344



Mark Carstensen  
Mayor

### City Council Races



Joe DesJarlais  
Ward 1 Council

**Ward 1** - Joe DesJarlais (incumbent) 107  
Finn Abrahamson 53

**Ward 2** - David Hersrud unopposed.  
**Ward 3** - Jamie McVay unopposed.



Dane Sundstrom  
Ward 4 Council

**Ward 4** - Dane Sundstrom 135  
Bernadette Usera (incumbent) 115

New Council representatives and the new Mayor will be sworn in at the May 2 City Council meeting.

Mark Carstensen, previously served as Ward 2 Council representative. That vacant position will now require the City Council to appoint a temporary representative to serve Ward 2 until the next regular election in 2012.

City Council representatives and the Mayor serve two year terms, however, beginning with the 2012 election, the terms of elected officials will change to three years.

According to Finance Officer Fay Bueno, voter turnout was higher than the last Mayoral election in 2009 when there were 723 ballots cast compared to 903 ballots for the 2011 election.

## City and County Reach Agreement on Joint Use of Erskine Building

The City of Sturgis and Meade County have reached an agreement to share meeting room facilities in the Erskine Building located at 1300 Sherman Street.

Starting on May 2, City Council meetings will no longer be held at the Sturgis Community Center. The Erskine Building is well suited for public meetings with new audio visual equipment and additional space. There is ample parking in front of the building on Sherman Street, as well as the side streets. Town Hall meetings and other large gatherings will still be held in the Community Center Theater.

City Council meetings will continue to be held on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Meade County Commissioners will continue to use the room for their meetings on the first consecutive Tuesday and Wednesday of each month with the Tuesday meetings beginning at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday meetings beginning at 10:00 a.m.



The Erskine Building served as an elementary school for over 100 years. Meade County completed a major building renovation in November of 2010.



## Plan to Attend the City Wide Garage Sale on April 30

Mark your calendar and get some great bargains at the City Wide Garage Sale.

### Annual Spring Clean Up is May 2 - 6

During the Spring Clean Up, you can dispose of unwanted items by placing them next to your trash tote. For a complete listing of the items that will be picked up, call the Public Works Department at 347-3916 or visit the Public Works page of the City website at: [www.Sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.Sturgis-sd.gov).



## Sturgis Liquor Open House

Thursday, May 26  
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments - Prizes - Specials

## Kick off Your Summer with a Dance Class!

Swing classes will be offered Mondays and Thursdays starting May 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Auditorium.

Cost is \$5.00 per person per session. All ages are welcome!

Sponsored by the Sturgis Community Center.



## Employee Spotlight - Sturgis Liquor

The staff at Sturgis Liquor are not only friendly, they are also the experts when it comes to the 1,300 varieties of wine and 700 varieties of beer that are regularly stocked in the 4,000 square foot city owned liquor store.

Sales clerks Harriet "Granny" Lolley, Mel Conrad, Jean Weischedel, Chuck Colombe, and Dave Karas are happy to suggest wine pairings, liqueurs, and other special products for all occasions. According to Store Manager Tom Ferguson, "If you can't find what you are looking for in stock, we are more than happy to place special orders."

The sales staff at Sturgis Liquor is also responsible for stocking shelves, ringing up customer sales, and keeping the new store sparkling clean. During the extremely busy Rally and all year long, customers rely on the knowledge, expertise, and customer service skills of these employees to provide a truly unique shopping experience for everyone.



## At The Library This Spring

Join us for the 4th Annual Green Thumb Gala & Silent Auction  
Friday, May 6 from 5 pm to 6 pm.



Children's Summer Reading Program  
Registration begins May 23.



Downloadable AudioBooks and eBooks are Now Available With Your Sturgis Public Library Card

Download eBooks to your eBook reader and AudioBooks to your mp3 and iPod players.

This is the perfect way to enjoy your favorite books on the go! For a list of available titles, visit the OverDrive website at: <http://southdakota.lib.overdrive.com>

## Sturgis to Host Historical Volksmarch May 21

The Sturgis Chamber, Future Sturgis Tourism Committee, and the Black Hills Volkssport Association are hosting a Historical Volksmarch on Saturday, May 21. Participants can register at the Community Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. and can choose either a 5k (3.1 mile) or 10k (6.2 mile) walk. An average walker will finish a 10k walk in approximately 2 hours.

The routes will pass by historical homes and landmarks within the Sturgis community. There will be a \$3.00 fee for each participant. Walkers of all ages are encouraged to take part in this event. Pets are allowed, but must be kept on a leash at all times.

If you would like to help with the event by volunteering or if you would like more information, contact the Sturgis Chamber at 347-2556.



## Parks Department Offers Advice on Pruning Trees and Shrubs

If you can't wait to get started in the spring garden, a good task to undertake is pruning. Most trees and shrubs benefit from annual pruning. It keeps them in shape, gets rid of dead and diseased wood and encourages new growth. But not all trees and shrubs should be pruned early, especially some of the flowering ones.

Early spring bloomers set their flower buds the fall before. Pruning them early in the spring would mean losing some blossoms. Most of the time this is not what you want. However, there are exceptions. It's often easier to prune when you can see the shape of the plant, before the branches are masked by leaves.

The following are commonly grown spring flowering trees and shrubs that may benefit from spring pruning: Bradford Pear, Butterfly Bush, Flowering Plum, and Honeysuckle.

It may be wise to wait until mid-summer (after blooms) to prune Azaleas, Flowering Crabapples, Hydrangeas, Lilacs, and Rhododendrons.

When it comes to trees, late fall or winter, when the tree is dormant, is the best time to prune, although dead branches can and should be removed at any time. Pruning during the dormant period minimizes sap loss and subsequent stress to the tree. It also minimizes the risk of fungus and insect infection as both are likely to be dormant during the winter months.

For information about how to correctly prune trees and shrubs, visit [www.tree-pruning.com](http://www.tree-pruning.com) or call the Meade County extension office (605)347-2436.



## Sturgis Community Center

Summer Hours begin Memorial Day weekend  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Register now for Swimming, Tennis, Summer Fun & Fitness



## Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422  
City Attorney 347-4422  
Code Enforcement 347-4424  
Community Development 347-4424  
Finance Office 347-4422  
Human Resources 347-4422  
Rally Department 720-0800  
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513  
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.  
Noon - 8:00 Sun.  
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801  
Emergency 911  
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624  
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thu.  
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.  
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.  
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983  
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.  
10:00 - 8:00 Sun.  
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018  
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1920 Ballpark Road  
Shelter Reservations call  
347-4422

Police Department 347-5070  
Emergency 911  
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916  
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.  
1057 Dudley Street  
Rubble Site

8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.  
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00  
Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425  
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.  
After Hour Emergency call  
Police Dispatch 347-2573  
1040 2nd Street